
PART I - ADMINISTRATIVE

Section 1. General administrative information

Title of project

Colville Tribes Performance Contract For Continuing Acquisition

BPA project number: 9506700

Contract renewal date (mm/yyyy): 10/2000 ☒ **Multiple actions?**

Business name of agency, institution or organization requesting funding

Colville Confederated Tribes, Fish & Wildlife Department

Business acronym (if appropriate) CCT-FWD

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NPPC Program Measure Number(s) which this project addresses

Section 11

FWS/NMFS Biological Opinion Number(s) which this project addresses

N/A

Other planning document references

N/A

Short description

To project, enhance and evaluate wildlife habitats and species for partial mitigation for losses to wildlife resulting from Grand Coulee and Chief Joseph Dams.

Target species

Mule deer, sharp-tailed and blue grouse, mourning dove, Lewis and downy woodpecker, yellow warbler, bobcat, mink, bald eagle, and spotted sandpiper.

Section 2. Sorting and evaluation

Evaluation Process Sort

CBFWA caucus	Special evaluation process	ISRP project type
Mark one or more caucus	If your project fits either of these processes, mark one or both	Mark one or more categories
<input type="checkbox"/> Anadromous fish <input type="checkbox"/> Resident fish <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildlife	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Multi-year (milestone-based evaluation) <input type="checkbox"/> Watershed project evaluation	<input type="checkbox"/> Watershed councils/model watersheds <input type="checkbox"/> Information dissemination <input type="checkbox"/> Operation & maintenance <input type="checkbox"/> New construction <input type="checkbox"/> Research & monitoring <input type="checkbox"/> Implementation & management <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildlife habitat acquisitions

Section 3. Relationships to other Bonneville projects

Umbrella / sub-proposal relationships. List umbrella project first.

Project #	Project title/description
20509	Hellsgate Big Game Winter Range Wildlife Mitigation Umbrella Project

Other dependent or critically-related projects

Project #	Project title/description	Nature of relationship
9204800	Hellsgate Big Game Winter Range Operation and Maintenance Project	

Section 4. Objectives, tasks and schedules

Past accomplishments

Year	Accomplishment	Met biological objectives?
	1993-1998, we have acquired 18,512 acres of land for wildlife mitigation purposes. See umbrella proposal for details. Biological objectives are being met at acceptable levels for this stage of a	

	very long-term project.	

Objectives and tasks

Obj 1,2,3	Objective	Task a,b,c	Task
1	Acquire Property	a	Negotiate transactions
		b	Amend to CCT-BPA agreement
2	Do baseline HEP	a	Conduct HEP
		b	Analyze data
		c	Produce HEP report
3	O & M (short term)	a	Secure property
		b	Maintain boundary fences
		c	Remove trespass livestock
		d	Noxious weed control
4	Develop site plans	a	Collect data
		b	Analyze data
		c	Produce site plans
5	O & M (long term)	a	Implement O & M based on Obj. 4
6	Enhancements	a	Implement based on Obj. 4
7	M & E	a	Implement based on Obj. 4

Objective schedules and costs

Obj #	Start date mm/yyyy	End date mm/yyyy	Measureable biological objective(s)	Milestone	FY2000 Cost %
				Total	0.00%

Schedule constraints

NOTE: Above items 5 through 7 are ongoing and costs are to be determined. Breakdown of negotiations with landowners could cause schedule changes and delays.

Completion date

2094 or later, ongoing in perpetuity.

Section 5. Budget

FY99 project budget (BPA obligated):

FY2000 budget by line item

Item	Note	% of total	FY2000
Personnel		%0	0
Fringe benefits		%0	0
Supplies, materials, non-expendable property	fencing, etc.	%0	5,000
Operations & maintenance	Secure property	%2	25,000
Capital acquisitions or improvements (e.g. land, buildings, major equip.)	Purchase land	%97	1,460,000
NEPA costs		%0	
Construction-related support		%0	
PIT tags	# of tags:	%0	
Travel		%0	0
Indirect costs	@ 39.2% of salaries	%0	0
Subcontractor		%0	0
Other	Baseline HEP	%1	10,000
TOTAL BPA FY2000 BUDGET REQUEST			\$1,500,000

Cost sharing

Organization	Item or service provided	% total project cost (incl. BPA)	Amount (\$)
N/A		%0	
		%0	
		%0	
		%0	
Total project cost (including BPA portion)			\$1,500,000

Outyear costs

	FY2001	FY02	FY03	FY04
Total budget	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$2,000,000

Section 6. References

Watershed?	Reference
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<input type="checkbox"/>	BPA, 1995. Hellsgate Winter Range: Wildlife Mitigation Project, Final Environmental Assessment, DOE/EA-0940, Bonneville Power Administration, Portland, OR.
<input type="checkbox"/>	BPA, 1997. Wildlife Mitigation Program, Final Environmental Impact Statement, DOE/EIS-0246, Bonneville Power Administration, Portland, OR.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Creveling, J. and B. Renfrow, 1986. Wildlife Protection, Mitigation and Enhancement Planning for Grand Coulee Dam, Final Report, DOE/BP, Bonneville Power Administration, Portland, Oregon.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Kuehn, D. and M. Berger, 1992. Wildlife Habitat Assessment Chief Joseph Dam Project, Washington Project Report, 1992, DOE/BP-91BP14775, Bonneville Power administration, Portland, Oregon.

PART II - NARRATIVE

Section 7. Abstract

This project is a continuing segment of the Tribes umbrella project, Hellsgate Big Game Winter Range Mitigation Project. This is under our overall goal of mitigating for as much of the wildlife losses suffered from Grand Coulee and Chief Joseph Dam Projects as is possible. It will add additional land to the existing mitigation base by acquiring management rights to adjacent or similar lands within the project area. Approximately 2,000 to 4,000 acres will be acquired depending on cost of agreements.

These lands will enhance and buffer current efforts. They will be managed to protect, enhance and partially mitigate for habitat losses due to hydropower developments as provided under the Northwest Power Act of 1980 and the 1994 FWP. Primary emphasis is on deer winter range and sharp-tailed grouse habitat. However, a large number of other species will receive benefit due to habitat protection and enhancements, which will lead to overall, increased bio-diversity.

Section 8. Project description

a. Technical and/or scientific background

This project is under the umbrella project “Hellsgate Big Game Winter Range Mitigation Project” number 000. This project proposes to partially mitigate for losses to wildlife caused by Grand Coulee and Chief Joseph hydro-projects. We are proposing to acquire the management rights to approximately 2,000 to 4,000 acres of land for the purpose of protecting, enhancing and managing them for wildlife in perpetuity. The actual acreage acquired will depend upon the final cost of acquisition, which is based on fair market value appraisals and negotiations. Management rights may be acquired through leases, easements, and land trades or land purchase. There are several properties on the Colville Reservation that have high wildlife values and/or potential that are for sale. These properties are presently used for range and forest production and some agriculture.

Many have high potential for sub-division into ranchettes and recreational properties. The sub-division of these properties would destroy the bulk of their wildlife habitat value and would seriously degrade the habitat values of adjacent lands. These high wildlife value properties are the ones we are after. The amount of land we acquire will depend on two things; The amount of mitigation funding we receive and the cost of the property. It is all in place and in kind mitigation. It will enhance our previous efforts by increasing the overall size of core project areas. It will give protection to additional wildlife habitat and buffer existing sites. It will aid in “blocking up” project areas which in turn will lead to a better overall ability to manage from watershed and ecosystem based approaches. Project lands are and will be managed to provide long-term protection and enhancement to Big Game Winter Range, primarily deer, sharp-tailed and forest grouse habitat. In addition, habitat for a wide variety of species that are of cultural significance to the region and the Tribes will be protected, enhanced and managed in perpetuity. The proposed lands provide foraging, resting and roosting areas for bald eagles (federally threatened) and Peregrine falcons (federally endangered). The following list of state sensitive and/or candidate species occur on or adjacent to the proposed properties: whiteheaded, pileated and Lewis woodpeckers, golden eagle, northern goshawk, flamulated owl, Columbia spotted frog, tiger salamander, and sage brush lizard. Key personnel on this project have planned, acquired and are currently managing over 18,000 acres of mitigation lands under the FWP.

b. Rationale and significance to Regional Programs

This project is a segment of the Tribes Hellsgate Big Game Winter Range Umbrella Project. It is designed to meet the overall goals of this project. Passive restoration, “letting nature heal itself,” will be emphasized wherever feasible. However, enhancement activities will be necessary on some sites to return them to properly functioning habitat. These activities will be closely scrutinized prior to implementation to help insure success while maintaining cost effectiveness. This project is not directly linked to projects being carried out by other entities in the basin. However, it is indirectly linked to other similar projects in the region.

c. Relationships to other projects

This project is under our umbrella project, Hellsgate Big Game Winter Range Mitigation, no. 00. Our Hellsgate Big Game Winter Range Operation and Maintenance Project no. 9204800 will cover the long-term O&M and Monitoring and Evaluation of lands acquired under this proposal.

d. Project history (for ongoing projects)

This project proposal was brought forth in FY99. We requested \$1,500,000, but due to budget constraints only 10% or \$ 150,000 was provided. See history segment under Project Number 00 Hellsgate Big Game Winter Range Umbrella Project.

e. Proposal objectives

1. Acquire management rights to 2,000 to 4,000 acres of land.
2. Protect, manage, and enhance this land to maintain and enhance wildlife populations.
3. The economic value of acquired lands may range from \$300 to \$800 per acre.
4. Buffer existing mitigation lands.
5. Protect wildlife values on surrounding Tribal lands.
6. Maintain and enhance species of concern to the region, such as Columbian sharp-tailed grouse.

f. Methods

Acquire management rights to 2,000 to 4,000 acres of land that is, or has reasonable potential to be, good quality wildlife habitat. Acquisition may be lease, cooperative agreement, easement, trade or out right purchase. Acquisition costs will be based on fair market value appraisals and negotiations with landowners. We will perform baseline HEP within a year of acquisition. We should be able to complete this project within FY2000, if the requested funding is approved and funds are received in a timely manner. There is always the possibility that negotiation with landowners may breakdown-causing delays while other desirable properties are located and negotiated. Activities proposed and methods used to achieve them will follow those outlined in; Hellsgate Winter Range Wildlife Mitigation Project, Final Environmental Assessment 1995, and Wildlife Mitigation program, Final EIS, DOE/EIS-0246.

g. Facilities and equipment

This project is basically for acquisition of management rights to property. Specialized facilities and equipment are not particularly pertinent for this phase.

h. Budget

Supplies: Fencing materials will be the main items. These will be used to repair and replace short sections of existing fences.

O&M: These funds will primarily provide crews to; repair fences, remove livestock trespass, secure any structures acquired, remove any attractive nuisances and generally “secure” the property.

Capital Acquisitions: These funds are to acquire management rights to property in order to meet our long-term mitigation goal.

Other: These funds are to carryout baseline HEP’s on properties acquired. Some funds may be used to initiate data gathering for site specific management plans for the properties.

Section 9. Key personnel

Steven L. Judd, Senior Wildlife Biologist
Matthew T. Berger, Project Biologist
James V. Smith, Wildlife Area Manager

The personnel involved with this project meet the educational and experience requirements of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation for these types of positions. The Tribes are the entity charged by law with the responsibility for carrying out these types of activities.

Section 10. Information/technology transfer

Information from this project will be disseminated through the Hellsgate Big Game Winter Range Umbrella Project # 000.

Congratulations!